President Directs Investigation to Be Extended to Scaport Cities of the East.

CHARGES PARTISANSHIP

Inspired or Irresponsible, He few months. Asserts.

as numerous as has been charged by writers and speakers this winter is the claim made today by President Wilson, who informed callers that, following the studies which it is making of the unemployment problem in New York city, the Department of Labor will extend its investigations to all the larger seaport cities of the United States, in-

the investigations to seaport cities, is the fact that the department can utilize the machinery of its immigration stations without requiring an additional appropriation from Congress.

Along with these studies, it is understood, the department, with the co-operation of the postoffice authorities, will endeavor to find work in various parts of the country, for those in these

"Inspired" Sources. matter of fact, however, the President, while not attempting to dismorning that much that has been will be initiated. said and written about the extent of the unemployment has been exaggerated. If, he declared, some of the persons who are discussing the matter, would take the trouble to examine the statistics of employment before manufacturing statistics of unemployment, the resulting conclusions would not be so resulting conclusions would not be so absurd. For example, he cited that re-garding one particular industry would-be statisticians had given as the num-

per of unemployed more than had ever been employed in that industry. clared, did not come from municipal officials, who are making independent studies of the question, but he intimated that they came from irresponsible sources, or were inspired for partisan

Returning Prosperity.

He had been informed, he stated, that the municipal lodging houses in New York were by no means taxed to their small demand by persons out of work in that city for accommodation at Ellis Island which the Cavanage of the city capacity, and that there had been but island which the Government has open-ed up for the purpose of housing shelt-erless men. On the other hand, he declared, the

avenues of employment are being grad-ually opened up, as evidences accumu-late of a return of prosperity. Practihe said, there was no depressi-

UNANIMOUS IN PLEAS FOR P. O. ON AVENUE

Being Circulated by Business Men's Committee.

Lem Towers, ir., chairman of the business men's committee, recently organized to conduct a campaign to secure a branch postoffice in the Postoffice Department building, today announced that the petitions now being circulated among the mercantile and business establishments along Pennsyl-vania avenue and the cross streets, be-tween Sixth and Fifteenth streets northare receiving practically unani-indorsement.

the canvassers who covered the ritory between B and F and Tenth
d Eleventh streets, and says that in
single instance was there a refusal day. no single instance was there a retusal of signature. The chairman expects to have the petitions completed before the end of the week. He will then call his committe together and request Postmas. ter Praeger to fix a date on which and his associates may be heard.

Lee Hutchins Tells Of Work for Father

Often Performed As Agent With Power of Attorney For His

Millionaire Parent.

Over the objection of opposing counsel. Lee Hutchins continued today to detail to the jury before Justice Anderson in Criminal Court No. 2, the transactions in which he and his father, Stilson Hutchins, millionaire newspaper Mounder, whose will is being contested.

took part.

Mr. Hutchins told of his father having Mr. Hutchins told of his father having been the owner of several newspapers, and promoting the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, which helped produce the Hutchins millions. He also testified regarding his acts as agent for his father under a power of attorney in many deals which resulted successfully. The witness will probably be on the stand all week.

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 26, 1915.

Interests in Opposition to Granting Such Relief as Lines in East Received May Carry Case Into Court-Embarrassing to Democrats.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Whether the Western railroads shall be allowed to advance their rates as the Eastern lines have done is going to command much of Stories of Unemployment Are the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the next

> It, is beginning to be discovered that the issue is as full of politics as an egg is of nutriment.

> > they cannot carry on needed works of

betterment and extension unless they

get it; that their credit requires the as-

to give them a chance to earn a living.

Against this is the declaration of the

and that to grant them will bring the

at this time if it is avoidable. Politicians of all shades of opinion frank

ailroad agitation will make the ques

tion of public ownership prominent, and they fear that, once raised, that ques-tion will not be settled until a national campaign is made with it as the chief

question, just as the 1896 campaign was

a nation-wide debate on the money

Don't Want To Meet Question Now.

There is an increasing number of poli

tical leaders who admit that the ques-

tion is confing, and that it will have

to be settled, one way or the other, be-

made in Governmental policy toward

view with complacency the prospect of

being forced to meet this question now

in the forum of public discussion.

Moderates, who do not want a public

ownership issue forced upon the coun-

try, are anxious that some accomplish-ment in the realm of government supervision and regulation may stave it

criminations and maladjustments of

new rate fabric now proposed, it is believed, would be much more logical and generally symmetrical than the one

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FOR JACK JOHNSON

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 26.-An army

champion may enter Mexico unmolest-

ed for his fight with Jess Willard at

Juarez. The only route through Mexico

of being arrested by the troops of Gen-

General Villa's army is now besieging

pends entirely on the success of the

States. Johnson is due to reach bados. West Indies, on Friday, promoters of the fight here still ob

Free Seeds? Sure!

to Block Rural Enjoy-

have defended from year to year. Mr.

Page moved to strike from the agri-

cultural appropriation bill the entire

Isn't It Usual?

army besieging the town.

eral Carranza is by way of Tampico.

which Johnson can take without fear

MEXICANS FIGHTING

Route to Juarez.

transportation. But there are few whe

fore much further advance can .:

admit the bellef that another era of

WEST NOT AMIABLY DISPOSED.

vances as the East was; and a bitter fight is going to be presented, with threats of carrying the question into polities in a vigorous manner,

It is said that some of the Western people who are preparing this opposiion are planning. In case the increases are allowed, to take the matter into the courts and attempt to have the increams unfolned. Whether the commission has power to

grant advances in the manner in which was cone in the Eastern case has been called sharply into question; but no step has been taken, or is expected, to test the matter so far as concern the Eastern territory. In the West the situation in different. The Western States have been pretty generally fight-ing for lower rates for a long time, and the inter-mountain country especially

Hearings To Open February 15. When Interstate Commissioner Dar iels, on February 15, at Chicago, opens the hearings in the Western cases, count the efforts of the Department of therefore, the biggest fight that has Labor to solve the problem, told callers ever been made before the commission

ing that they beed the higher rates ex-

Senate Adopts Martine Resolution Providing for Practical Side of Work.

The Senate today, on motion of Ser ator Shafroth of Colorado adopted the Martine resolution giving sufficient power to the special committee recently named by Vice President Marshall to investigate the Excise Board. The original motion under which the committee was named made no proision for calling witnesses or paying The resolution adopted today provides for these things.

Senator Hitchcock resigned from the committee This leaves Senators Shep-pard, James, Jones and Dillingham as the members. Vice President Marshall Sheppard expects to call the is being besieged that the colored ommittee together soon and arrange

Every Merchant Signs Petition SEVEN HORSES DIE IN STABLE BLAZE

Rescue Blocked in Fire That Damages Structure in Rear of Third Street Northwest.

Seven horses were burned to death n a fire which destroyed a stable belonging to Mrs. Leona Trumbo, of 194 Indiana avenue northwest, in the rear of 419 Third street northwest, early to-The flames had gained much of the horses and blocked the rescue of the others.

The damage done by the blaze is esdebate on the subject of free garden limated at \$1,600, including the loss of seed, distributed under the Congressionhorses and the damage to the building. al frank, and the result was as here This loss is partly covered by insur-ance. No cause is ascribed to the origin of the blaze. tofore-the seed will be sent out a Fire shortly after 8 o'clock last night Congressman Page of North Carolina damaged the apartment of Mrs. E. I. Clapp, at 1223 Vermont avenue northwest. \$350. The blaze was started by a candle igniting a bottle of alcohol. was the fee today of garden seed distribution, a time-honored institution, which rural members of the House

President Will Meet Immigration Conferees

paragraph providing for the continued distribution of Government seed. Of course, Congressman "Tombigbee Before definitely deciding to veto of Candler made the principal speech is ign the Smith-Burnett immigration opposition, and members with farming constituencies cheered "Tombigbee" on. bill. President Wilson tomorrow will hold a conference with the House and The Pege amendment to climinate th Senste Conference Committee, which approved the final draft of the measure. The President has until Thursday to sign or veto the bill. While it has been generally understood that he would veto it, because of the literacy test, the fact that he has consented to discuss the matter with the Conference Complete the conference conference Complete the conference confer has cast some doubt on this preseed on requisition of members of Con-

New Commissioner Inducted Into Office in Presence of All Department Heads.

PREDECESSOR GIVES OATH

Commission Signed by President Wilson Today, and Ceremony Quickly Follows.

BROWNLOW'S PLEDGE

Whatever I do in this office I assure you will be done with the purpose of serving the people of the District of Columbia. I think Washington the most beautiful city in the world. I love it above all cities. I like its people; I love its people, and I am glad to be in a position where I may be able to serve them to the best of my ability."

The Western roads a long time ago began filing new tariffs, representing a general readjustment of rates. It is said in their support that they have made a serious effort to overcome dissioner Newman in the latter's office. was told that it was the first official reaching his office this morning.

Siddons Reads Pledge. Promptly at 11 o'clock, as president of the board, Commissioner Newman

arose, announced the purpose of the Villa's Army Besieging Tampico arese, announced the purpose of the gathering, and introduced Justice Siddens, who, in an impressive manner. read the cath of office, a sentence at a So Pugilist May Have Safe time, with Mr. Brownlow, on his left, repeating the pledge after him. At its conclusion, following the sign ing of the typewritten copy and the affixing of the Justice's signature to the ertificate, Justice Siddons grasped the (Continued on Third Page.) is fighting for Jack Johnson. A town

No Extra Session If Wilson Can Help

President Believes Republicans that port. Villa is to get a slice of Are Bluffing In Delaying the fight money, and is expected to make every effort to take Tampico, Votes on Pending Bills.

Johnson's journey through the port de-President Wilson, it is understood, is The immigration officers in El Paso session of Congress. This was the inferwere today notified to watch for Johnente placed today on a statement which son, as it is believed he may attempt he made to callers that he was insento reach Juarez through the United the strictest secrecy as to just how Johnson will reach Junez.

session, on the ground that it would be this reason, the Republicans have been charged with trying to force the President to call one in order to get through his ship purchase bill and the apprin Congressmen Frown on Efforts

Apparently the President has been convinced the Republicans are bluffing. At all events he declared today he had every reason to believe that not only the ship purchase bill, but also the appropriation bills would be passed before the close of the present session.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Battle over ship purchase bill continued commerce Committee revived shipping bill in accord with caucus action and turned down Lodge amendment to prevent purchase of belligerant ves-Philippines Committee meets to perfect

Philippines bill. Martine resolution for Excise Board investigation favorably reported by Contingent Expenses Committee. District bill sent to conference.

Martine resolution for investigation Excise Board adopted.

HOUSE. Met at 11 o'clock.

Resumed debate on agricultural bill Refused to strike from bill appropriation for continuation of "free gar den seed" distribution.

WILSON DECLARES West Is Expected To BROWNLOW ENTERS Young Rockefeller Opens the ENGLISH HURL SIZE OF "JOBLESS" Fight Rate Increase UPON PERFORMANCE Door of 26 Broadway To BACK GERMANS ARMY OVERDRAWN Asked By Railroads OF DISTRICT DUTIES "Mother" Jones, the Agitator WID ACCALLLY

ASKS CONFERENCE ON WELFARE OF LABORERS

Oil Magnate's Son Resumes His Testimony Before U. S. Industrial Commission.

CARNEGIE IS SUMMONED

Steel King Expected to Discuss Relations Between Capital

o'clock when the papers reached the these men and know them intimately. Why can't you come down soon?"

> "Glad To Accept." The veteran labor leader seemed non-Then she replied: "Why, of course, would be glad to accept. I will come down whenever it suits you." "All right then, Madam," said Rocke-"Ivy here will arrange it." He

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IN LISBON CABINET

Premier Castro Abolishes Predecessor's Decrees That Caused Break.

LISBON. Jan. 26.-Affairs in Portuguese government reached anther serious crisis today. Gen. Pidetermined not to be forced by the Re- a few days ago, and at once set aside the Rev. Dr. W. R. Wedderspoon, Methpub cans into the enling of an extra the decrees that resulted in Costa's odist; the Rev. J. J. Muir. Baptist; the break with the army and navy. Costa Pev. Dr. Randolph McKim, Episcopal.

he made to callers that he was insensible to pressure of this kind.

Democratic leaders in Congress, who
are standing with the President in his
fight deplore the prospect of an extra

session on the ground that it would be

announced that he will oppose the new in oppose the new pacify the military elements. Immediately after taking office Castro ordered the release of 730 officers who unpopular throughout the country. For diately after taking office Castro orwere arrested when they marched on the palace last Wednesday and demanded the resignation of Costa. He also appulled a number of decrees the palace appulled appulled a number of decrees the palace appulled and the palace appulled appu It developed today that wholesale esignations followed the arrest of the second today. also annulled a number of decrees re- much pleased garded as obnoxious by the army. 30 officers. Among those who stepped lown were the commanders-in-chief of he army and navy. Upon taking office 'astro refused to accept these resigna-

Galluses Gone: Turks Can't Run

Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 6 (By mail to New ork).-The Turkish rout in the Cauasus placed so many thousands of prisoners in the hands of the Russians hat it was difficult to handle them successfully. But an officer devised a Ida Walters, "love mate" of Corlys El-



The above photograph was taken while young Mr. Rockefeller was the witness stand before the United States Industrial Relative

NAME COMMITTEE TO FOOD IN ENGLAND ARRANGE FOR SUNDAY

Conference to Prepare for Revival in Washington.

Committees composed of both clergymen and laymen who will organize the city-wide conference to arrange for the were announced today.

On the laymen's committee Chairman William Knowles Cooper named Congressman John Nelson of Wisconsin. John Letts, Andrew Wilson, William A. Wilbur, and W. K. Cooper.

Clergymen Who Will Serve. Clergymen who will serve on the committee from the Pastors' Federation, and mento Castro formally accepted the their denominations, are, the Rev. Dr. premiership vacated by General Costa Clarence A. Vincent. Congregational announces that he will oppose the new and the Rev. Dr. John C. Palmer, I res-

District Appropriation **Bill Goes to Conference**

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was sent to conference by the Senate today.

Senators Smith of Maryland, Gallinger and Lea were named as conferees. The action was taken on motion of Senator Smith and without discussion.

An early meeting of the conferees will Russian Officer's Scheme Prevents

Escape of Ottoman

Prisoners

Be head, but it is not expected there will be an agreement for some time.

The half-and-half question is likely to prove a stumbling block to in early agreement on the bill.

Rogers' "Love Mate" Still Ill; Inquest Postponed

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.-Becaus: Mrs. ton Rogers, was still too weak from The Russians deprived their prisoners bichloride poisoning to appear, the inof all suspenders, belts and trousers but- quest into the deaths of her two chil-

They Will Organize City-Wide War Brings Raise of 20 Per Cent and Suffering Through Salary Reductions.

LONDON, Jan. 26 .- Food prices have advanced 20 per cent in England since Belgians forced the Germans to with the outbreak of the war, according to draw from gun positions previously coming of Billy Sunday to Washington preliminary reports presented today to held, and stopped the shelling of Furparliamentary investigating com-

> further increased, investigators reported, by wholesale reductions in salaries. Among the poorer classes, who Lembach, and Seenheim. are foreed to live on a few shillings a week, the food question has reached a British Driven From

The parliamentary committee organthe parliamentary committee organ-bed today and at one; set about in-vestigating reports that speculators were partially responsible for the in-creasing food prices. Following a panicky rise at the declaration of war last fall, prices slumped, but later began a gradual advance.

Eggs have advanced 6 cents a dozen since the outbreak of the war: bread 5 cents on a four-point loaf, beef, mutter and bacen 4 to 6 cents a mutter been delivering a series of unsuction and bacen 4 to 6 cents a point and bacen delivering a series of unsuctions.

THIRTY-NINE SAVED FROM WATERY GRAVE

Only One Man Drowns as Ships Collide in Dark Off Virginia

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 26 .- One man was lost and thirty-nine others were rescued with difficulty early today when an unknown schooner collided with and sank the American-Hawaiian steamer Washingtonian, off Fenwick Island, fifty miles from Cape Henry. The Washingtonian was proceeding slowly in the dark when the smash securred. The schooner, which immediately made off, according to reports, stove a great hole in the steamer. Her erew manned boats, but some, stricken, jumped overboard. In a few tons before starting the long march northward. Though guarded by but a few men, the Turks had little chance to her two children and who hook the tered on preventing the loss of the most included and the most included and

Forces. Advancing From La Bassee Toward Givenchy and Cuinchy, Are Repulsed With Big Losses.

British Bayonets Repel Foe Who Broke Through Wire Entanglements - French Retake Captured Trenches.

PARIS, Jan. 26 .- Frightful German losses in an attack on strong English positions west of La Bassee and in the region from the Lys to the Oise, were reported in official dispatches today. These brought indications that the Germans are attempting to resume the offensive from the seacoast south to Arras.

The English held strong positions at Givenchy and Cuinchy, commanding two roads leading eastward to La Bassee. Large bodies of German infantrymen advanced along these roads for nearly a mile from Las Passee. Then, spreading in loose formation, they charged ever soggy fields in an attempt to surround the

Stopped By Bayonets.

The attacks were simultaneous, Near Givenchy a force of Germans reached the wire entanglements protecting the British trenches and succeeded in tearing away a gap with their grapphers The cold steel of an English bayonet charge caused their front ranks to recoil from the attack. The English counter-attack that drove the Germans back upon La Bassee. British artil lery fire raked the lines of the Germans advancing upon Cuinchy, and they retired with heavy losses, leaving many dead upon the field.

CONTINUES TO SOAR The left wing of the Germans took one trench near Givenchy, the official advices reported, after five separate charges, but was forced to evacuate The left wing of the Germans took

when the main body fell back. French Recapture Trenches. A violent infantry attack by day-

light east of Ypres was repulsed by the French, 300 German dead being picked up from the battlefield. West of Craonne the Germans made two desperate charges, capturing a row of trenches. Official dispatches say the French afterward retook the lost ground. South of Nieuport an advance by the nes. The German gunners found the

range of the town on Sunday, and had done considerable damage. Fierce fighting in Alsace continues. The Germans are bombarding Thann,

Trenches Near La Bassee,

Berlin Report Asserts BERLIN (via wireless to London), Jan. 26.-Capture of strong British pes-Scents on a four-point loaf, beef, mut-th, and bacon, 4 to 6 cents a pound, and tea, 4 cents. The government's de-mands upon the nation's fuel supply has increased the price of coal nearly \$1.50 a ton.

Southeast of Laon, the Germans have taken several strong French positions en the heights west of Craonne. Two infantry charges drove the French from their trenches. French attacks in the Argonne were repulsed, the Germans taking about fifty prisoners.

In the eastern theater of war, the Russians have been unable to resume their advance toward the fortress of Thorn, and in Southern Foland the Czar's armies have been halted in their dyance from Kielce. Elsewhere in Foland, excepting to the north, where a Russian cavairy attack was repulsed, violent artillery duelling is

where a Russian cavairy attack was repulsed, violent artillery duelling is

The German claim is a direct con-tradiction of Paris calinis. Both Paris and Berlin agree, however, that La Bassee is still held by the Germans was re-captured by the British last

Austrians Driving Czar's Armies Along Line From Dukla Pass to Roumania

VIENNA (via Rome), Jan. 26.-Ausrian armies, heavily re-enforced, are slowly rolling back the Russian invaders along a long battle line extending from the Dukla Pass in the west, in a southeasterly direction to the Roumanian border. The Austrian war office retards the